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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ENTRY OF MALE PASSENGERS IN LADIES COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that male passengers travel unchecked in ladies coaches in EMUs as reported in the Dainik Jagran dated June 11, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such cases reported during the current year and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Railways have launched any special drive to ensure security of the female passengers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. But it is not a fact that male passengers are travelling unchecked in ladies compartment. This problem is noticed mostly in the suburban sections of Delhi, Mumbai and the big cities, in local suburban trains, due to excessive crowding in the other compartments.

(c): Due to such drives, a total of 16,852 male persons were apprehended by Railway Protection Force while travelling in ladies compartments during the current year, 1st January, 2005 to 30th June 2005, out of which 15,990 were prosecuted in the Courts of Law. An amount of Rs.20,99,479/- has been realised from them as fine.

(d)&(e): To prevent such offences, in addition to the Travelling Ticket Examiners deployed on trains, special Surakshini / Tejaswani / Bhairavi Squads have been constituted with women ticket checking staff (where available) and women staff of Railway Protection Force / Government Railway Police. The ladies compartments in affected sections are escorted by armed police personnel in the night hours. Other special Squads are also deployed in the affected sections / trains, as and when required, against such miscreants.